

*TEST, EVALUATION AND ACQUISITION:  
DOWN UNDER*



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# *TOPICS OF DISCUSSION*



- General Environment
- T&E Organisational Structure
- Changes at the Working Level
- Challenge of OT&E
- Future Directions

# *GENERAL ENVIRONMENT*



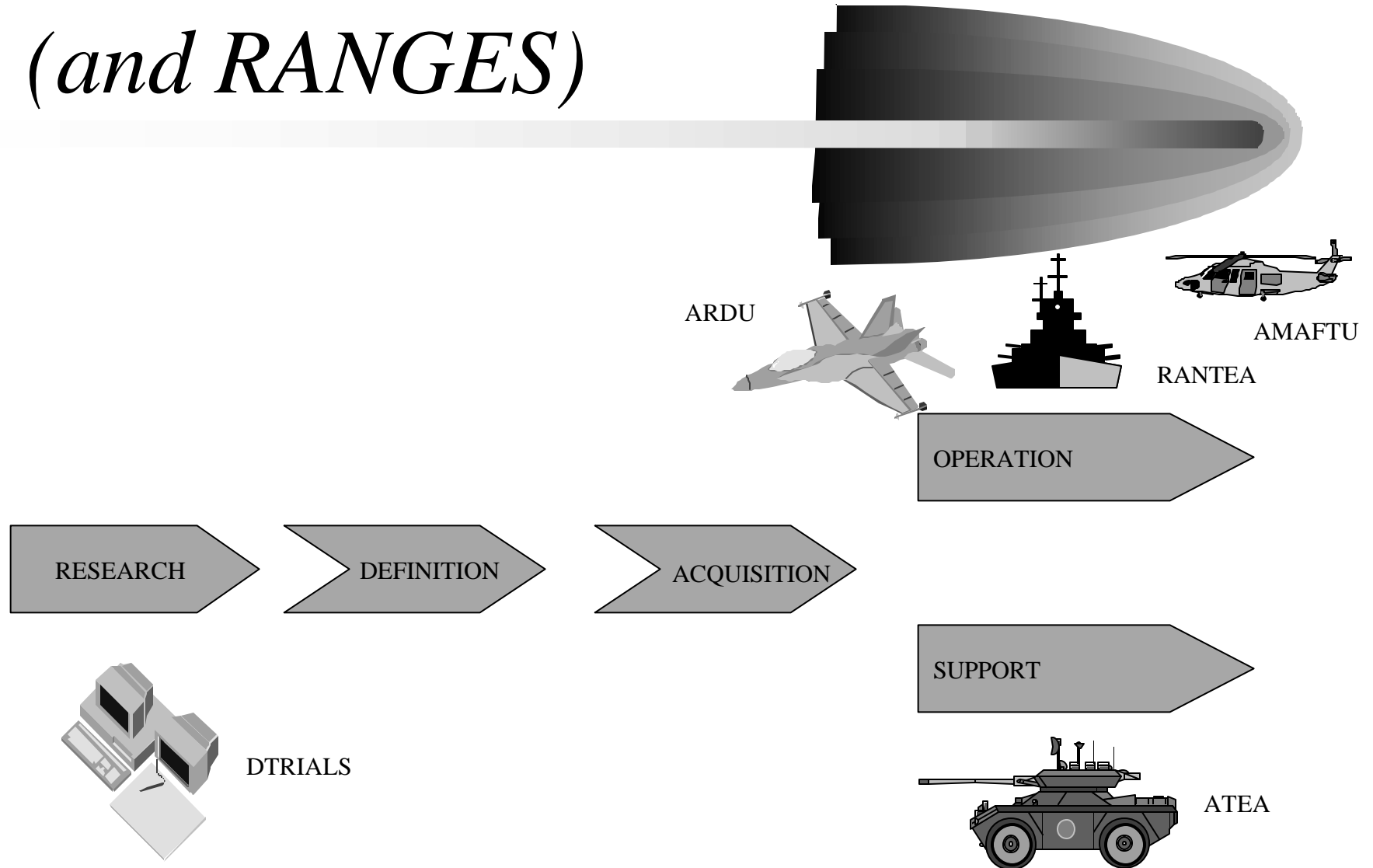
- Strategic
  - Downsizing
  - Outsourcing
  - Defence Efficiency Review
- Operational
  - East Timor
  - Olympics
  - Project Cost Over-runs

# *DEFENCE EFFICIENCY REVIEW*



- Complete Review of Defence Functions
- Reinforced Downsizing and Outsourcing
- Recommended Structural Changes
  - Consolidation of Support Functions
  - Consolidation of Acquisition
  - Consolidation of T&E

# *CONSOLIDATION OF T&E* *(and RANGES)*



# *ARDU EXAMPLE*



- Business Process Re-engineering
- Reorganised from functional to IPT
- Downsizing and outsourcing
  - 300 people to approx 150 core
  - Outsourced Transport Support
  - Outsourced Maintenance
  - Woomera T&E Range?

# *REWARDS*



- Focussed on Delivering Capability
- IPT Structure Supports CONOPS
- Better Forward Planning
- Better Resource Utilisation

# *DIFFICULTIES*



- Concurrent Changes
- High Workload
- Flight Safety Incidents
  - Impact of Change
  - Operation of Civil Aircraft



# *CHALLENGE OF OT&E*



- Number of New and Upgraded Platforms
- Operational Tasking versus OT&E
- Resource Constraints
- Result
  - More Mission Worthiness Testing within Acquisition

# *FUTURE - MINISTER'S VIEW*



- Whole-of-life Capability Process
- Defence White paper
  - Priorities for Acquisition

# *FUTURE - NEW SECRETARY'S VIEW*



- “Defence’s financial situation ... might best be described as parlous”
- “considerable pain will be required to get us back on track”

# *FUTURE - BILL'S VIEW*



- Rationalisation of Acquisition Projects
  - Cancellation
  - Rescoping back to Budget
- Organisational Restructure
  - Consolidation of Acquisition and Logistics
  - Consolidation of T&E Functions
- Process Reforms